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Summary

The thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development was held at United Nations Headquarters on 14 April 2005 and from 3 to 7 April and on 10 May 2006. Its special theme was "International migration and development".

The documents before the Commission included the report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, focusing on the session's theme. The report addressed the demographic, social and economic aspects of international migration and development, describing recent trends; interactions between international migration and population factors; economic aspects of international migration; and policy responses.

Other reports covered: the intersessional meeting of the Bureau of the Commission; the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on international migration and development; the flows of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; and the programme of work of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the field of population in 2005. The Commission also heard five keynote addresses on aspects of the special theme.

Under agenda item 3, the Commission decided on "Population distribution, urbanization, internal migration and development" as the theme for its forty-first session. The Commission also adopted a resolution on national, regional and international action in the sphere of international migration and development. Noting that a High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development would be held during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, the Commission recommended that the Council transmit the Commission's report on its thirty-ninth session to the High-level Dialogue.

Under agenda item 6, the Commission adopted a resolution in which, inter alia, it decided that the Commission would adopt a two-year planning horizon for its programme of work.

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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decision

1. The Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-ninth session and provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-ninth session and decides to transmit the report to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, to be held during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission as set out below:

1. Election of officers.[1]

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting

3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, focusing on the changing age structures of populations and their implications for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on the changing age structures of populations and their implications for development

[1] In accordance with its decision 2004/2, the Commission will hold, immediately following the close of its thirty-ninth session, the first meeting of its fortieth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other officers of the Commission, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules and procedure of the functional commissions of the Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

4. General debate on national experience in population matters: changing age structures of populations and their implications for development.

5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on world demographic trends

Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population, 2006

6. Provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fortieth session.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The following resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission are brought to the attention of the Council.

Resolution 2006/1
Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development*

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, in which the Assembly designated the Commission on Population and Development as part of the three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism responsible for monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[1]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/48 of 27 July 2005 and Council decision 2005/213 of 31 March 2005,

Recalling its decisions 2004/2 and 2005/2 on its methods of work,

Emphasizing that the Commission should play a key role in supporting the implementation of the Programme of Action,

* For the discussion, see chap. V, paras. 4–6.

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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Affirming that its annual review of follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development should be comprehensive so as to respond to issues of heightened and emerging concern,

Emphasizing the breadth of experience of non-governmental organizations in the follow-up to the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation[2] and the need to continue to promote their effective participation in and valuable contribution to the work of the Commission, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested that each functional commission examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, while recognizing that each functional commission had its own specificity;

2. *Decides* that the Commission will adopt a multi-year programme of work limited to a two-year planning horizon, and also decides to select a special theme for each year based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;[1]

3. *Also decides* that, in considering each annual theme, the Commission will continue to review and assess both its substantive and policy aspects as well as the progress made in programme implementation in relation to that theme;

4. *Further decides* that the Commission, at its general debate, with participation open to all Member States and observers, including through the use of keynote speakers and experts on the special theme, will address the challenges to the implementation of the goals, objectives and commitments of the Programme of Action as well as the means for accelerating their implementation;

5. *Decides* that the outcomes of the discussions of the Commission, including on its special theme, where possible and appropriate, should contain substantive recommendations for furthering the implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation;[2]

6. *Also decides* to include in its programme of work new and emerging issues, as necessary, agreed by the Commission upon the recommendation of Member States in that regard;

7. *Invites* Member States, in order to maintain and enhance the quality and impact of the Commission's debates, to consider including among their representatives at the sessions of the Commission, those with technical expertise in the particular areas of population and development under consideration;

8. *Requests* the Bureau of the Commission to meet as frequently as necessary in preparation for annual sessions of the Commission, as well as to facilitate the provision to Member States of regular and informal open-ended briefings, in conjunction with the Secretariat, on the status of such preparatory activities;

[2] General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure strengthened cooperation and coordination between relevant entities of the United Nations system in the technical preparation of future sessions of the Commission.

Resolution 2006/2
International migration and development*

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo,[1] in particular chapter X on international migration, and the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action,[2] in particular section II.C on international migration,

Recognizing that the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation is integrally linked to global efforts to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development and that the achievement of the goals of the Programme of Action is consistent with and makes an essential contribution to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling the relevant provisions on international migration contained, inter alia, in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development,[3] the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,[4] the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action[5] and their periodic reviews, and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on 8 September 2001,[6]

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome of 16 September 2005,[7]

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Recalling all General Assembly resolutions relevant to international migration and development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 58/208 of 23 December 2003, 59/241 of 22 December 2004 and 60/227 of 23 December 2005, which are relevant

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 11–14.

[1] See *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

[2] See General Assembly resolution S-21/2 of 2 July 1999, annex, and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Special Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/S-21/5/Rev.1) and A/S-21/PV.9.

[3] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

[5] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[6] See A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I.

[7] See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

to the setting up and organizing of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development which will be held during the sixty-first session of the Assembly and which will discuss the overall theme of the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize the development benefits and minimize the negative impacts,

Reaffirming the resolve expressed by the Heads of State and Government[8] to take measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and members of their families,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[9] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[10] the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[11] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[12]

Recalling also the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,[13] which entered into force in July 2003,

Recalling further the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the supplementing protocols thereto, namely, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air,[14]

Acknowledging the important nexus between international migration and development and the need to deal with the challenges and opportunities that migration presents to countries of origin, transit and destination and recognizing that migration brings benefits as well as challenges to the global community,

Bearing in mind that policies and initiatives on the issue of migration, including those that refer to the orderly management of migration, should promote holistic approaches that take into account the causes and consequences of the phenomenon, as well as the full respect of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants,

Recognizing that remittance flows constitute one of the important aspects of international migration,

Noting that the proportion of women and girls among international migrants amounted to nearly 50 per cent in 2005 and deeply concerned about the risks that women and girls, including women migrant workers, are exposed to in the context of migration, such as gender-based discrimination, multiple aggravated forms of discrimination, violence, including sexual violence, migrant smuggling, trafficking

[8] See the United Nations Millennium Declaration, as contained in General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome.
[9] General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).
[10] General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.
[11] General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.
[12] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.
[13] General Assembly resolution 45/158, annex.
[14] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annexes I to III.

in persons, commercial sexual exploitation and economic exploitation, sexual abuse and other forms of abuse,

Recognizing that the increasing feminization of international migration requires greater gender sensitivity in all policies and efforts related to the subject of international migration,

Recognizing also the impact of migration on the effectiveness of public services, and the need to address, as appropriate, the shortages of workers, including health and education workers, giving appropriate attention to enhancing the capacity of developing countries in this regard,

Noting the efforts of Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, organizations, funds and programmes, and international and intergovernmental organizations, including the International Organization for Migration, in respect of convening events at the national, regional and international levels with a view to advancing the dialogue on the issue of international migration and development,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring[15] and on the monitoring of population programmes,[16] both focusing on international migration and development, and taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[17]

Taking note also of the report of the Global Commission on International Migration entitled "Migration in an interconnected world: new directions for action",[18] including its contribution to the debate on international migration and development, and taking note further of the report as an input for consideration at the High-level Dialogue,

1. *Reaffirms* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development[1] and the key actions for its further implementation;[2]

2. *Acknowledges* the important contribution made by migrants and migration to development in countries of origin and destination;

3. *Recognizes* the need for Member States to consider the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means of maximizing the development benefits and minimizing the negative impacts;

4. *Requests* States to effectively promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of their immigration status, especially those of women and children, in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[3] and the international instruments to which they are party;

5. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of Governments to safeguard and protect the rights of migrants against illegal or violent acts, in particular acts of racial

[15] E/CN.9/2006/3.
[16] E/CN.9/2006/4.
[17] E/CN.9/2006/5.
[18] Geneva, Global Commission on International Migration, October 2005.

discrimination and crimes perpetrated with racist or xenophobic motivation by individuals or groups, and urges them to reinforce measures in this regard;

6. *Recognizes* that trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants continue to pose a serious challenge to humanity and require a concerted international response, and to that end urges all States to devise, enforce and strengthen effective measures to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons, to counter the demand for trafficked victims and to protect the victims, in particular women and children subjected to forced labour, or sexual or commercial exploitation, violence or sexual abuse;

7. *Requests* all Member States, in accordance with their relevant international obligations and commitments, to promote cooperation at all levels in addressing the challenge of undocumented or irregular migration so as to foster a secure, regular and orderly process of migration;

8. *Calls upon* States that have not yet done so to enact domestic legislation and to take further effective measures to combat and prosecute international trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;

9. *Reaffirms* the right of Governments to enforce their migration laws, consistent with their international obligations;

10. *Invites* Governments, with the assistance of the international community, where appropriate, to seek to make the option of remaining in one's own country viable for all people, in particular through efforts to achieve sustainable development, leading to a better economic balance between developed and developing countries;

11. *Calls upon* States to facilitate family reunification in an expeditious and effective manner, with due regard for applicable laws, as such reunification has a positive effect on the integration of migrants;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of public awareness of opportunities, limitations and rights in the event of migration;

13. *Urges* Member States and relevant international organizations to incorporate a gender perspective in all policies and programmes on international migration in order to, inter alia, reinforce the positive contributions that migrant women can make to the economic, social and human development of their countries of origin and their host countries as well as to strengthen protection of women migrants from all forms of violence, discrimination, trafficking, exploitation and abuse, by promoting their rights and welfare, while recognizing in this regard the importance of joint and collaborative approaches and strategies at the bilateral, regional, interregional and international levels;

14. *Reiterates* the need to consider how the migration of highly skilled persons and those with advanced education impacts the development efforts of developing countries;

15. *Acknowledges* the need to analyse the impact of certain forms of temporary migration and return migration;

16. *Reaffirms* that there is a need to address and to promote conditions for cheaper, faster and safer transfers of remittances in both source and recipient countries and, as appropriate, to encourage opportunities for development-oriented

investment in recipient countries by beneficiaries that are willing and able to undertake such action;

17. *Invites* the countries of origin and destination, in accordance with domestic legislation, to undertake appropriate measures to facilitate the contribution of migrants and migrant communities to the development of their countries of origin;

18. *Recalls* the commitments contained in the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS[19] to develop and begin to implement national, regional and international strategies that would facilitate access to HIV/AIDS prevention programmes for migrants and mobile workers, including the provision of information on health and social services;[20]

19. *Invites* Governments to set up or, where they already exist and where necessary, to strengthen relevant institutions and mechanisms for, inter alia, data collection, analysis, the subsequent elaboration of policies, programmes and projects, and their monitoring and evaluation, including by improving skills and increasing resources, with a view to their providing timely, reliable and disaggregated information, including, inter alia, sex- and age-specific information, on international migration flows in countries of origin, transit and destination and their effects on development, and in this regard invites the international community to provide financial and technical assistance to developing countries;

20. *Invites* relevant international organizations and multilateral institutions to enhance their cooperation on methodologies for the collection and processing of statistical data on international migration and the situation of migrants;

21. *Encourages* efforts by Member States and the international community to promote a balanced and comprehensive approach to international migration and development, particularly by building partnerships and ensuring coordinated action to develop capacities, including for the management of migration;

22. *Invites* Governments, where appropriate, to consider the linkages between international migration and development in policy formulation by, inter alia, promoting, through a comprehensive approach at the national level, collaboration and coordination among the governmental authorities in charge of international migration, and those focusing on development or development cooperation, and other relevant policy areas;

23. *Recognizes* the need to take concrete actions to strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation and dialogue in the area of international migration and development and, where appropriate, to develop and implement national policies and cooperative strategies to ensure that migration contributes to the development of both countries of origin and countries of destination;

24. *Urges* the relevant United Nations bodies, organizations, funds and programmes, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations working on international migration, including the International Organization for Migration, to enhance within their respective mandates the coordination of their activities, and to strengthen cooperation and collaboration;

[19] General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.
[20] Ibid., para. 50.

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his substantive work on international migration and development and, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, funds and programmes, to continue assessing the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives on international migration and development set out in the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

26. *Looks forward* to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development to be held during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly;

27. *Recommends* in this regard that the Economic and Social Council transmit the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session to the High-level Dialogue.

Decision 2006/101
Special theme for the Commission on Population and Development in the year 2008*

The Commission on Population and Development decides that the special theme for the forty-first session of the Commission in 2008 shall be "Population distribution, urbanization, internal migration and development".

Decision 2006/102
Documents considered by the Commission on Population and Development at its thirty-ninth session

The Commission on Population and Development takes note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development on its intersessional meeting, held in Banjul on 19 and 20 December 2005 (E/CN.9/2006/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on international migration and development (E/CN.9/2006/4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2005: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2006/6).

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 15-16.

Chapter II

Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

1. The Commission held a general discussion on item 3 of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development", at its 2nd, 3rd and 7th meetings, on 3, 4 and 6 April 2006. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, focusing on international migration and development (E/CN.9/2006/3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on international migration and development (E/CN.9/2006/4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2006/5);

(d) Note verbale dated 3 April 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat, transmitting the document entitled "Mexico and the migration phenomenon" (E/CN.9/2006/8);

(e) Statement submitted by Population Action International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2006/NGO/1);

(f) Statement submitted by the Population Institute, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2006/NGO/2).

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 April, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

3. At the same meeting, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; the Chief of the Migration Section of the Demographic Analysis Branch of the Population Division; the Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund; and the Senior Project Adviser of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund.

4. Also at the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries), Bangladesh, the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

6. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 April, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Rio Group), Cuba, Belgium, the United States of America and Canada.

7. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

8. At the 7th meeting, on 6 April, a statement was made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development.

9. A discussion followed in which the representatives of Mexico, Canada, France, Kenya, Italy and China took part.

10. Also at the 7th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden and the Netherlands.

Action taken by the Commission

International migration and development

11. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May, the Commission had before it a draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (E/CN.9/2006/L.5), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

12. At the same meeting, the Secretary advised that the words "chapter I, resolution 1, annex" in footnote 1 should be deleted.

13. Also at its resumed 8th meeting, the Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected (see chap. I, sect. B, resolution 2006/2).

14. Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the United States of America and South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).[1]

Special theme for the Commission on Population and Development in the year 2008

15. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May, the Chairman read out the text of a draft decision entitled "Special theme for the Commission on Population and Development in the year 2008".

16. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft decision (see chap. I, sect. B, decision 2006/101).

Document considered by the Commission

17. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on international migration and development (E/CN.9/2006/4) (see chap. I, sect. B, decision 2006/102).

[1] Available from http://www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/comm2006.

Chapter III

General debate on national experience in population matters: international migration and development

1. The Commission held a general discussion on item 4 of its agenda, entitled "General debate on national experience in population matters: international migration and development", at its 3rd through 6th, and 7th meetings, on 4, 5 and 6 April 2006.

2. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 April, statements were made by the representatives of China and Australia.

3. At the 4th meeting, on 4 April, the Chairperson of the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Carmen Maria Gallardo (El Salvador), and the Chairman of the forty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, Javier Loayza Barea (Bolivia), addressed the Commission on Population and Development.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, the Philippines, Switzerland, Japan, Botswana, El Salvador, Luxembourg, Portugal, Morocco, Croatia, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Pakistan, Cuba and Bolivia.

5. At the 5th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay, France, the United States of America, Norway, India and Poland.

6. At the 6th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Zambia, Mexico, the Gambia, Peru, Thailand, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Jamaica, Algeria and Spain and the observer for the Holy See.

7. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

8. Also at the 6th meeting, in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council made statements: World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows; and International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

9. At its 7th meeting, on 6 April, the Commission heard a statement by the representative of Nicaragua.

Keynote addresses

10. At its 3rd meeting, on 4 April, the Commission heard keynote addresses by Rita Süssmuth, OTA University, Berlin, and Papa Owusu-Ankomah, Minister for the Interior of Ghana, which were followed by discussions in which the representatives of the Gambia, Pakistan, Canada, the Philippines and Botswana took part.

11. At its 5th meeting, on 5 April, the Commission heard keynote addresses by Margarita Escobar, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs for Salvadoreans Living Abroad, and J. Edward Taylor, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Davis, which were followed by discussions in which the

representatives of Bolivia, Switzerland, Mexico, France, the Gambia, Canada, Pakistan, Ghana and Italy took part.

12. At its 7th meeting, on 6 April, the Commission heard a keynote address by Patricia A. Sto. Tomas, Secretary of Labour and Employment of the Philippines, which was followed by a discussion in which the representatives of Kenya, Cape Verde, Colombia, Canada, Indonesia, Italy, China and Ghana took part.

Chapter IV

Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

1. The Commission held a general discussion on item 5 of its agenda, entitled "Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population", at its 6th and 7th meetings, on 5 and 6 April 2006. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2005: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2006/6).

2. At the 6th meeting, on 5 April, the representative of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Switzerland, Norway and France.

4. Also at the 6th meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

5. At the 7th meeting, on 6 April, statements were made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Action taken by the Commission

Document considered by the Commission

6. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2005: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2006/6) (see chap. I, sect. B, decision 2006/102).

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Chapter V

Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

1. The Commission considered item 6 of its agenda, entitled "Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development", at its 7th and resumed 8th meetings, on 6 April and 10 May 2006.

2. At the 7th meeting, on 6 April, the Director of the Population Division made a statement.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries) and Switzerland.

Action taken by the Commission

Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

4. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May, the Commission had before it a draft resolution entitled "Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development" (E/CN.9/2006/L.4), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft resolution (see chap. I, sect. B, resolution 2006/1).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.[1]

[1] Available from http://www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/comm2006.

Chapter VI

Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission

1. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May 2006, the Commission had before it the draft provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission (E/CN.9/2006/L.2).

2. At the same meeting, the Secretary orally corrected the text of the document as follows:

> A new report of the Secretary-General entitled "World demographic trends" was added to the documentation under agenda item 5.

3. Also at its resumed 8th meeting, the Commission decided to recommend the draft provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.9/2006/L.2, as orally corrected, to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (see chap. I, sect. A).

Chapter VII

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session

1. At its resumed 8th meeting, on 10 May 2006, the Commission adopted the draft report on its thirty-ninth session (E/CN.9/2006/L.3), as introduced by the Vice-Chairperson, Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on behalf of the Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

2. At the same meeting, the Commission authorized the Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur to finalize the report.

Chapter VIII
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission held its thirty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters on 14 April 2005 and from 3 to 7 April and on 10 May 2006. The Commission held 9 meetings (1st to 8th and resumed 8th).

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the thirty-eighth session, Crispin Grey-Johnson (Gambia).

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by 45 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and one non-member State, representatives of organizations and other entities of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in document E/CN.9/2006/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 14 April 2005, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Crispin Grey-Johnson (Gambia)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon)
Ewa Frątczak (Poland)
Albert Craf (Germany)
Elena Zuñiga (Mexico)

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 April 2006, the Commission elected Pablo Enrique Torres Salmerón (Mexico) to replace Elena Zuñiga (Mexico), who had resigned her position, and designated Ewa Frątczak (Poland) to serve as Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

D. Report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 April, the Chairman reported on the intersessional meeting of the Bureau of the Commission, held in Banjul on 19 and 20 December 2005.

7. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Bureau (E/CN.9/2006/2).

E. Agenda

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 April, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.9/2006/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.
4. General debate on national experience in population matters: international migration and development.
5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.
6. Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development.
7. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session.

F. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-ninth session is available from the website of the Population Division at http://www.un.org/esa/population.

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